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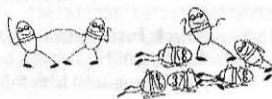
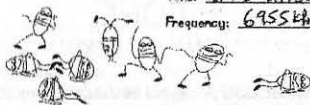
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"THE RELAXATION STATION."

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XANAX: ALPRAZOLAM

DIALOGS

April 2005

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(Next deadline for submissions: 18th April, 2005)

Format of a log entry:

Date Heard / Time Heard (in UTC) / Frequency (in kHz) / Mode / Details of Transmission

Modes:

A = AM F = FM L = Lower Sideband U = Upper Sideband

Reporting a signal's quality:

The simplest way of doing this is to judge the signal as being "Poor", "Fair" or "Good" and reporting it as such.

If you're one of them highfalutin' types with radios that are smarter'n your dawg, you probably use the SIO system

S = Signal (strength)

I = Interference

O = Overall (quality)

- S, I and O are all rated between 0 and 5, 0 being worst, 5 being best. (As I recall, there were written tables for these values but I haven't seen one in a very long time. If you have the details somewhere, send 'em along to me!)

LATE LOGS

None

FROM ACROSS THE POND

Radio Shamrock International ()

- 03/16/05, 2348-0015, 6240A - Joe Vincent of JMRI doing his St Patrick's Day Pirate Show with instrumental Irish folk music. (CL-MA Poor)

Radio Spaceman (Neede)

- 03/6/05, 0625-0735, 6305 A - mx - "Alley Oop", "Chapel of Love." Greeted another station operator at Radio Thunderbird. (WS-TN poor)

NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

Ann Hoffer Radio (FRN)

- 03/05/05, 0145-0152*, 6925U - Ann singing "My Favorite Mistake" with guitar. OM with sign off announcement. (CL-MA 232)
- 03/06/05, 0140-0151, 6925U - Ann and guests with live music. (BL-VT Good)

Bozo Radio (FRN?)

- 03/13/05, 0017-0230, 6935A - mx - Steely Dan, Bob Dylan. IDs as Bozo Radio Network, Bozo Radio, greetings to FRN posters. Qsl via Box 40, Brentwood (?), NY 13679? (WS-TN poor)(WH-IL Poor)

Grasscutter Radio (grasscutterrado@yahoo.com)

- 02/27/05, 2108-2115, 6925U. (BL-VT Good)

Ground Zero Radio (gzrsw@yahoo.com/Elkhorn)

- 02/20/05, 2300-2306, 6925A - very good and informative show on the history of the Rolling Stones. (WS-TN Good)
- 02/27/05, 0001-0029*, 6925A - mx - Rock, with an orchestral fanfare at the beginning of the show. Also Bert the Turtle from the old "duck and cover" nuclear attack propaganda film. OM ancr. Gave Elkhorn addr for repts. (GZ-OH 232)
- 02/27/05, 2327-2352*, 6925A - Repeat of 0001 02/27/05 program with a weaker signal this time. (GZ-OH 232)
- 03/07/05, 0133-0134, 6900A - Caught the tail end of the show. (BL-VT Poor)

Indira Calling (Providence)

- 02/20/05, 2345-0007*, 6925A - mx - Sitar, other Indian announced as requests by various Dxers. At s/off gave a brief announcement by OM of "WHYP - WHYP-FM Northeast" so possibly a WHYP Relay. (GZ-OH 242)(BL-VT Fair)

Lounge Lizard Radio (None)

- 02/25/05, 2224-2239, 6924A - WHYP relay of Lounge Lizard Radio relay, show #3 Zombie recipe, 2236z "Volare". Curly sound. JB said he might be back later as propagation is better than a month ago. (BL-VT Fair)

Pirate Radio Boston (pirateradioboston@yahoo.com)

- 02/19/05, 1414-1445, 6925A - Resurrection show 2005, playing music from bands around the Boston area. (BL-VT Good)
- 02/20/05, 1434-1500, 6925A - repeat of the 02/19/05 show. (BL-VT Good)(WS-TN Poor)

Radio FCC ()

- 02/20/05, 2215, 6925A - Stagger Lee. (BL-VT Fair)

Radio Free Euphoria ()

- 02/27/05, 1946-1949, 6925U - ment WBCQ, later Grasscutter came on and said he was relaying. (WS-TN Good)

Radio HoJam ()

- 02/20/05, 2140-2205*, 6925A - a variety of IDs given, this one was the most commonly used. It was clear that this was Bram Stoker of R. Azteca, except that he must have been on both steroids and ether. The entire show was a R. Azteca-style production complete with the Bullwinkle sound effects and normal stn anmts., but they never gave a R. Azteca ID. It was more or less a lengthy self-parody of R. Azteca. Among the other ID's was R. Montezuma's Revenge. Much discussion of gerbils. Off for one minute during the times cited at 2237, but immediately came back on. Young boy repeatedly recites the Mary Had a Little Lamb rhyme, modifying it by adding that Bozo has a fat butt. (GZ-OH 232)(BL-VT Good)

Sunshine Radio (sunshineradios@hotmail.com)

- 02/27/05, 1955-2001, 6925U - mx - Bangles, Bee Gees. (WS-TN Good)

The Crystal Ship (tcshortwave@yahoo.com/Belfast)

- 02/26/05, 0015-0039, 6925U - mx - Al Yankovich parody tunes. (BL-VT Good)
- 02/27/05, 1420, 6857A - mx - Pink Floyd. Weak with some intermittent SSB QRM. (BL-VT Poor)
- 02/28/05, 0104-0131*, 4071A - mx - Van Halen, Pink Floyd. Narrative prose reading about an OM and YL making out. ID's of "You are tuned to The Crystal Ship." OM ancr "The Poet." Rock tune, "We Want the Airwaves" at close. Gave Belfast addr and solicited repts. (GZ-OH 242)
- 03/18/05, 0122, 6857A - Playing music, ID 0139z, "Big Lies Recovery Consulting Center" bit. (BL-VT Fair)
- 03/18/05, 0137, 4700A - (BL-VT Poor)

The Voice of Laryngitis (None)

- 02/19/05, 2305-2309, 6925A - "Pirate Busters" classic show. (WS-TN poor)

- 02/20/04, 0146-0155+, 6925A – various segments from old VoL programs. Gave the (discontinued) Wellsville drop. Comedy ad for masturbation, Radio Marti segment. (GZ-OH 242)

The Voice of the Pink Puma (None)

- 03/06/05, 2345-2351, 6925A – mx – Industrial, "Pink Panther" theme tune. Excellent audio. (WH-IL Good)(WS-TN Fair)

Undercover Radio (undercoverradio@mail.com/Merlin)

- 03/20/05, 1411-1415+, 6925U – Quick ID by Dr. Benway, then into instrumental music. (CL-MA Poor)

WHGW (whgw6925@myway.com)

- 02/20/05, 0004, 6925U – ID. (WS-TN poor)

WHYP (whyp6925@yahoo.com/Belfast)

- 02/26/05, 1405-1430, 6925A – JB with Captain Ron and Pirate Pete doing a "How to set up a pirate station" show. (BL-VT Fair)
- 02/26/05, 2110, 6925A – Allan Brownyard with "Root beer Madness" (BL-VT Fair)
- 03/06/05, 0004-0057*, 6925A – mx – Rock. DJ=Ravi Brownyard "cousin of James Brownyard." Several plugs for the forthcoming Winterfest. Many of those plugs were replays of an old George Zeller speech from Monitoring Times convention. James Brownyard said he was using a 225 watt xmtr. The classic tune, "Assholes on Parade," was played at the close. Gave Belfast addr. (GZ-OH 242)(CL-MA 343)(WH-IL Fair)(WS-TN poor)(BL-VT Fair)

WSPY (FRN)

- 02/25/05, 2300, 6925U – mx – Classical. Numbers and touch tones. (BL-VT Good)
- 02/26/05, 1434-1440, 6925U – The usual WSPY stuff. (BL-VT Fair)
- 03/19/05, 1919-1954+, 6929U – 2 IDs by OM, instrumental and pop music. Telephone tones. (CL-MA Fair)

TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED

Radio Hotmatin?

- 02/20/05, 2230-2253*, 6930A – mx – Rock. Some remarks by OM anncr. Did give a couple of ID's, one of which was "Radio Hotmatin" or similar, and another of which was "WXYZ" or similar but the format of phonetic letters and telephone tones suggested that this might have been WSPY fooling around. (GZ-OH 242)

UNID

- 02/20/05, 1512-1516, 6925A – Immediately following Pirate Radio Boston, mentioned Mt. Kisco, pre-amplifiers, SSB transmission modes. SWLfest interview with Jay about a homebrew receiver, measuring brown stains. Off for a bit then back on with a overmodulated signal. (BL-VT Good)(WS-TN Poor)
- 02/26/05, 0034-0039*, 6925A – mx – two tunes, one Punk-like. Third tune began, cut out, possibly SFX or heavily processed voice and sudden off. (Fair LR-NH)
- 03/05/05, 1335-1353, 6925A – relay of an old Radio Azteca show. Mx and ID for special #2 show. (BL-VT Good)
- 03/19/05, 2205-2228+, 6925A – Group of women/children repeating phrases over and over in unid language, continuously until 2228 QRT. (CL-MA Fair)

MAIL DROPS

These are the relevant – for this month – addresses to which you should send your reports as appropriate (along with at least three first class stamps to handle mailing costs) if you're doing things by snail mail or if the station doesn't use email.

Don't forget that foreign drops need IRCs or dollar bills instead of US postage stamps.

Semi-foreign drops (read: Canadians) need cash or IRCs but might accept cowry shells, beads or small hand mirrors. Poutine is an accepted medium of exchange **only** within the province of Quebec.

Of course, if you really want to cover all the bases – get with it and spend the vast sum of \$49 bucks (after rebate) for a Web TV box – as time goes by, more and more of the QSL business is being transacted via email.

Belfast: Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711

Elkhorn: P.O. Box 69, Elkhorn, NE 68022

Merlin: Box 293, Merlin, Ontario NOP 1W0, CANADA

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TEN (and TWENTY) YEARS AFTER...

April 1985 ACE was 24 pages with a teaser for a KRZY interview on the cover. DiaLogs was 7 pages including 2 NAm MW, 18 NAm SW, 8 clandestines and 9 unIDs from about 28 reporters.

April 1995 ACE was 24 pages with a WBNY QSL on the cover. Nick Grace's first DiaLogs column was 4 pages featuring 15 NAm SW, 3 Foreign, 5 clandestines, and 14 unIDs from 7 contributors.

RAMBLINGS

Wow, lowest number of contributors in a while. No Al Fansome this month, either. Hope the wabbit didn't finally get him... Thanks to those of you that did contribute – we need those logs more than ever. If you haven't sent in a logging before, now's the time to start doing so!

Nice to see a fair bit of activity on the bands. Somebody's having fun with some old recordings of stations, too, I'd say.

Well, I had a little energy left the other day when I finally got home from third shift so I dug out some bits'n'bobs from the wire box and quickly strung up one of those Magnetic Longwire Baluns fed by a seventy foot random length wire. Just so I'd have something for an antenna while I wait for the snow to go away so I can start serious antenna work. Dusted off one of the JRC NRD-525s (a very, very good radio – if you ever get the chance to buy one second hand, do so – they're well worth the investment!) connected it up and away we went.

- It's very, very good to be listening from a decent QTH after so long.

Been working on the shack – a huge room that measures 7' x 8'. Been a bit of a challenge in design to shoehorn everything essential in there but I've just about managed it. Shelves, workdesks, storage rack are all in there and reachable with almost no moving from the operating console area. Now I just need the snow to go away (there's still a foot and a half around here) so I can get the three essential wires up (Alpha-Delta DX Ultra for SW listening, a 20/15/10 dipole and a 160/80/40 dipole, both for HF amateur work.)

Once the HF stuff is in, then there's the LF and scanner stuff to work on...

I gotta start selling off my surplus radio and computer related stuff, too.

Ah, interesting side note – now that I live in a location where dialup is the only option, I did some digging into hardware that'd help me moderate the problem of it being so sloooow. Came up with a pretty elegant way of addressing the problem – I'm going to be installing a second phone line and implementing a dialup mode known as MPPP. MPPP is a way to dial into an ISP using two phone lines and have those two phone lines be bound together so that you have a single pipe to the 'net that is twice as fast as a single dialup link. The elegant part comes in when I use a piece of standalone hardware that is, in fact, a dialup Ethernet router/hub that you hang your modems off of. What this now means is that I once more have a connection to the 'net that feeds directly into my local LAN without having to have a gateway system! It's a real good compromise between dialup and having something like ISDN or ADSL. Cheaper, too, in the case of ISDN!

Okay, that does it for this time around – siddown, dig out the logbook and send me some of those logs, eh?

PROPAGATION

What it be:

Okay, just like the sea, radio waves below a certain frequency display tide-like behavior that is dependent upon the time of day at your location and at the target location. (*Arrr, me hearties – 'tis a most appropriate metaphor!*) Listen for a given area at one time and you'll hear nothing. Listen, say, twelve hours later and you'll hear find you're looking for. That's a real simple description of a very complex subject.

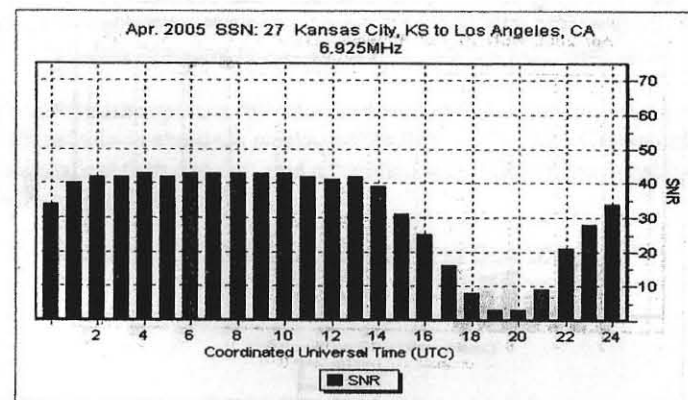
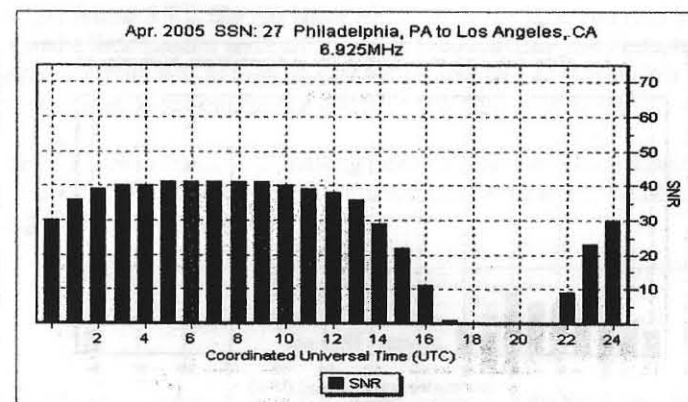
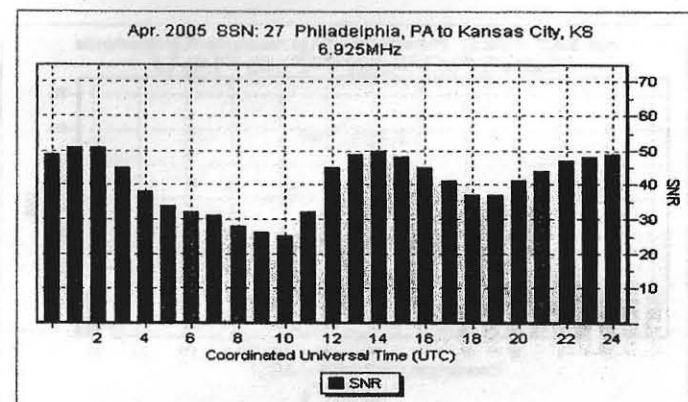
The tables below can be looked upon as being like tide charts for a certain part of the world and a certain frequency. The higher the "tide" displayed, the better the radio path between the two points on the chart at that time on that frequency.

To try to provide useful propagation for the ACE readership I cover the most common Pirate frequencies month by month and I produce tables that roughly divide the USA into eastern, central and western sections and the propagation paths between them.

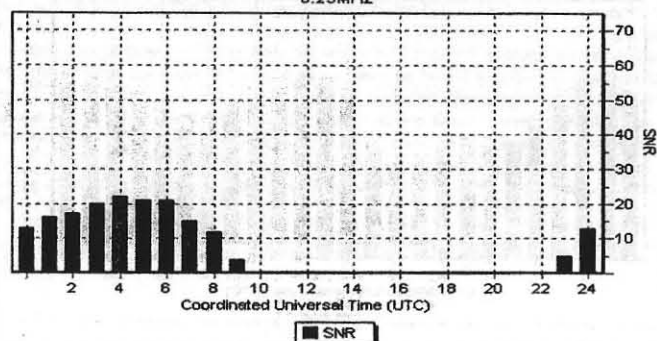
If you live, say, in Boston and want to try to listen for KMUD out in the western part of the country, you would check the table that says "Philadelphia, PA to Los Angeles, CA". This chart shows the radio "tides" between the two points that approximate where you are and where KMUD might be. Now look at the height of the bars – between 0200 and 0900 (that's UTC) looks to offer the best east-west listening path for you. Likewise, 1600-2100 might not be the best time to listen.

Caveat: These charts are rough guides only – radio propagation is even stranger than a Republican Senator who believes that poor folk need a break more than the obscenely wealthy do – you sometimes hear the darnedest things come out of nowhere when you least expect it. Use them as a guide but don't let it stop you listening for a target when it says propagation is at its poorest – just use them as indicators of "best chances"!

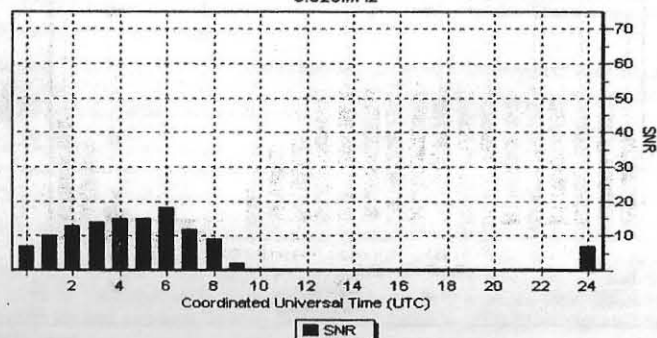
If you want to do more serious reading about propagation the book "The New Shortwave Propagation Handbook" is a pretty good read on the subject and even us po' folks who can't afford RX-340s can understand it!



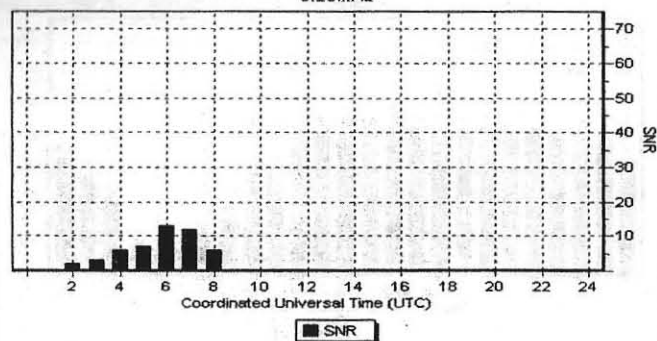
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gnuz and gnotes...

ADD to Box 146: Partial India Radio and Pirate Radio Boston...

Another winter SWL fest has come and gone by the time you read this. Seemed a little smaller and perhaps more subdued than past Fests, but the radioactivity was as high as ever with Radio 69 and WBZO just for starters. Good to see old friends and lift a few cold ones again.

Please be sure to check your mailing label for your expiration datecode. A datecode of 0504 means this is your last paid issue and it's time to send another check to Box 1.

under the door...
the QSL report

Rich D'Angelo snagged an eQSL from Undercover Radio in one day – promising a real card and CD shortly.

Chris Lobdell scored a full data card (#B44) from The Crystal Ship in three months, a frequency only sheet (#2) from WBZO 90.5 at the Fest, and a full data "dancing robot" sheet from WMPR via maildrop Zeller.

Woody Smith reports a full data card mailed from Canada for Ann Hoffer Radio in about six weeks, a "Mr Bill" eQSL from Grasscutter Radio in less than one day, and a "smiling sun" eQSL from Sunshine Radio in less than one day.

Let's see your report(s) here next month. 73 es Best DX, jta

Clandestine Profile

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Active Clandestines -- 176

Inactive -- 533

(Courtesy of www.clandestineradio.com)

This Month's Features: Clandestine.com Updated / Yosemite Sam Station / Some Loggings

Greetings from Okinawa, Japan...I hope this column reaches you on time. I'm getting ready for a 120-day deployment to Balad, Iraq, in May. I will take my Sangean ATS-909 with me so I hope I can snag a few stations while I'm there. I have a variety of topics to touch on this month so let's get started. First, I would like to correct a comment from the February '05 column regarding New Star Station being located in China. Actually, its location is supposed to be in Taiwan. Thanks to Tom Severt for his reply regarding New Star. Next, I would like to welcome back [clandestineradio.com](http://www.clandestineradio.com) after a few months of hiatus. Their website was there but it wasn't updated for quite some time. They have a lot of interesting news and I won't have time to cover all of it in one month. Additionally, I have some information on the Yosemite Sam Station some of you have been hearing in the states plus a link to short audio clip. Finally, I have a few loggings to share. Incidentally, the short feature on the "Carpet Loop Antenna" by David Moisan, N1KGH is postponed until next month.

Clandestine.com

It's good to see that [Clandestineradio.com](http://www.clandestineradio.com) has updated its web page. It also has a new and extremely helpful feature called "On-Air Now". Using this feature, I was able to net one new clandestine called Radio Farda and two tentative loggings of Que Hong Radio and Voice of Tibet. Some news features that will be covered in next month's column include the "Interception of the Nine Commentaries Message" on the night of 14 March on eight provincial stations and six satellite stations that were interrupted by the "Nine Commentaries of the CCP" (Zifa Z, 2004). Other headlines for next month's discussion will include "Unexpected Program on China's TV: Withdrawing from CCP" and "CCP Withdrawals Pass 300,000, News Broadcast" (www.clandestineradio.com, 2005).

Yosemite Sam Station

I'm sure most everybody's heard the Yosemite Sam utility/pirate station by now but I thought I'd mention it in this month's column. The most helpful article I've read came from Glenn Hauser's "World of Radio #1267" dated on March 16, 2005. An excerpt from the article is as follows: "Two groups of New Mexico hams independently tracked Yosemite Sam, to Laguna Pueblo, west of Albuquerque where they have a government contract called MATIC involving tactical radio systems, Mobility Assessment Test and Integration Center; still unanswered questions (World of Radio #1267, 2005).

The website www.spynumbers.com has some information and a short audio file at <http://www.spynumbers.com/YosemiteSam.html> for those of you who haven't heard this odd station. The station has been given that nickname for obvious reasons. It was first reported on 19 December 2004 transmitting on the following four frequencies: 3700, 4300, 6500, 10500 KHz. All transmissions are in DSB and start out with what sounds like a data burst 800 milliseconds in duration followed by "Varmint, I'ma Gonna Blow Yah T'Smitherens". The clip is from the Bugs Bunny cartoon "Bunker Hill Bunny" of 1949 vintage. Below is a sample schedule:

3700	4300	6500	10500
15:40:57	15:41:07	15:41:17	15:41:27
15:41:37	15:41:47	15:41:57	15:42:07
15:42:17	15:42:27	15:42:37	15:42:47
15:43:37	15:43:47	15:43:57	15:44:07
15:42:57	15:43:07	15:43:17	15:43:27
15:44:17	15:44:27	15:44:37	15:44:47

The article points to a Tucson, Arizona location due to reports of daytime reception on 3700 KHz by local monitors.
(www.spynumbers.com, 2005)

A search by www.vivisimo.com netted some other information on the following websites: <http://www.w8pgw.org/node/view/529>, <http://www.ac6rm.net/mailarchive/html/electcraft-list/2004-12/msg00629.html>, and <http://www.ominous-valve.com/uteworld.html>.

Loggings

Times and Dates in UTC

VO People / 3.913 / AM / KK / 23 Mar 05 / 1206 / 444 / YL w/ usual tk in KK; great signal; // to 6.600 but had slight jammer QRM which was reduced using LSB mode.

Echo of Hope / 3.985 / AM / KK / 23 Mar 05 / 1209 / 343 / YL & OM w/ tk in KK; // to 6.348 but jammer QRM was present; reduced by using LSB mode.

* Note: It seems pointless for North Korea to waste their time jamming when it's not very effective but I doubt many in North Korea own high-end receivers. In addition, the jamming may be highly effective within the country.

Radio Farda / 15.690 / AM / Farsi / 23 Mar 05 / 1214 / 454 / Mx pgm; positive ID of Radio Farda several times by OM; // to weaker 17.595; unsure of location; [clandestineradio.com](http://www.clandestineradio.com) mentions three: Greece, UK, and Portugal; doubtful any of those due to signal; since this station was/is affiliated with RFE/RL it may be Sri Lanka; Reggae song "Buffalo Soldier" followed.

Que Hong Radio (Tentative) / 17.525 / AM / VV / 23 Mar 05 / 1223-1259 / 333-332 / OM & YL w/ tk in presumed Vietnamese; mx; many mentions of Vietnam; no positive ID hrd so tentative; location unknown; [clandestineradio.com](http://www.clandestineradio.com) says Hawaii.

Voice of Tibet (Tentative) / 17.525 / AM / Unknown / 23 Mar 05 / 1321 - 1325 / 443 / Tibetan style mx with drums, bells, etc; no tk; no ID so tentative; off at 1345; interesting station, possible locations are Seychelles, Uzbekistan, Russian, and Tajikistan.

That's all for now...look forward to seeing your clandestine, numbers, or any unusual loggings.

73's and Good DX, Vince

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